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A Day for Saint Leo: Selfies with Dr. Kirk

By Daniel Stockton
Contributing Writer

Where could you take a selfie with Dr. Kirk?

On Nov. 10 Saint Leo University kicks off *Founders Week* with "A Day for Saint Leo." This event will include alumni, faculty, staff, and students online, on campus students, and at the centers in an epic event in which the Saint Leo community will use social media to spread the word.

Elizabeth Barr, associate director of Sustained Giving, describes it as a "virtual pep rally." And, she hopes to "blow up social media with pictures of students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends" similar to how Ellen DeGeneres posted that selfie from the academy awards and crashed Twitter.

There will be selfie stations located across campus with Saint Leo gear and props to help students and staff to upload pictures and messages to social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Barr said Dr. Kirk will be willing to take selfies with students and have them on social media.

Some Greek communities will be holding a little penny war throughout the week to raise money for Saint Leo and spread their Saint Leo pride. All of the proceeds will be going to the University Excellence Fund. There will be decorated buckets in which the Greek organizations will collect donations from Nov. 7 to Nov. 11 from 11 to 1:30 in the SCC.

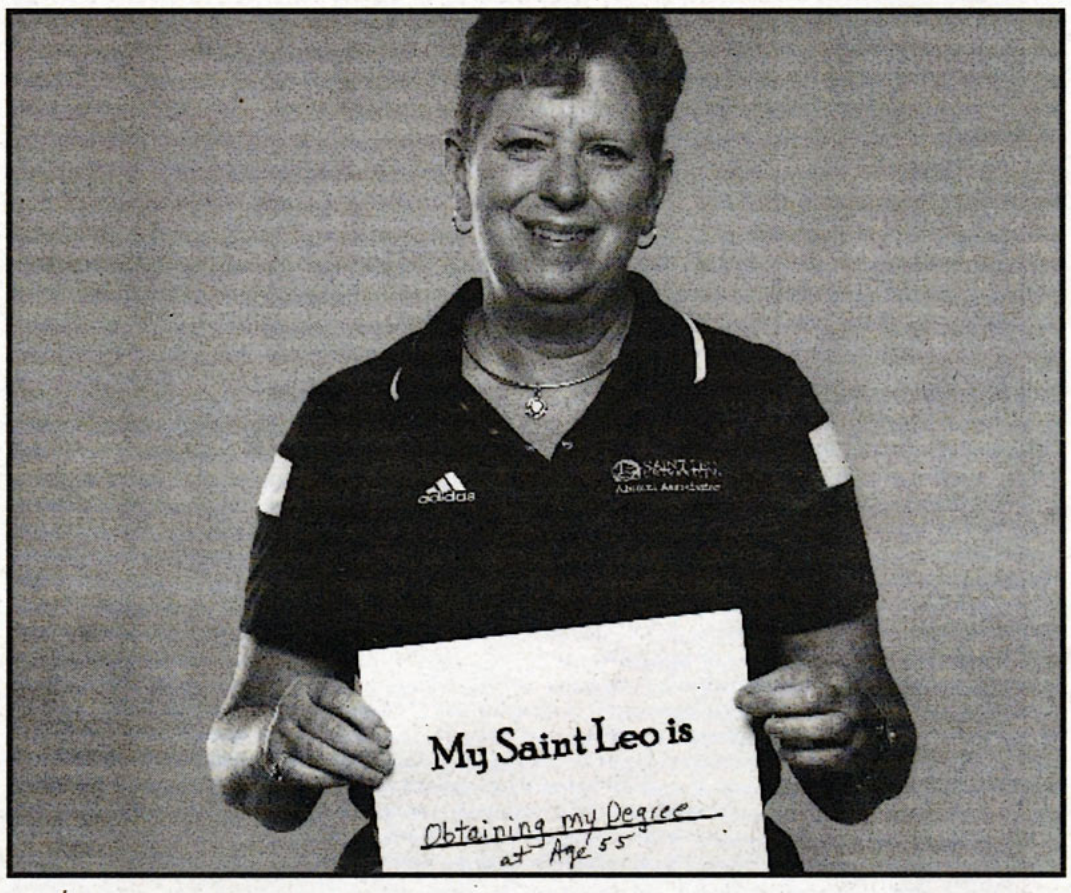
"In addition, the Greek life organizations will be having a social media campaign to get out the word for A Day for Saint Leo with the participation of Dr. Kirk. Organizations will be able to take selfies with him under the hashtag #greekswKirk," said Thomas Martin, assistant director of Greek Life and Community Engagement.

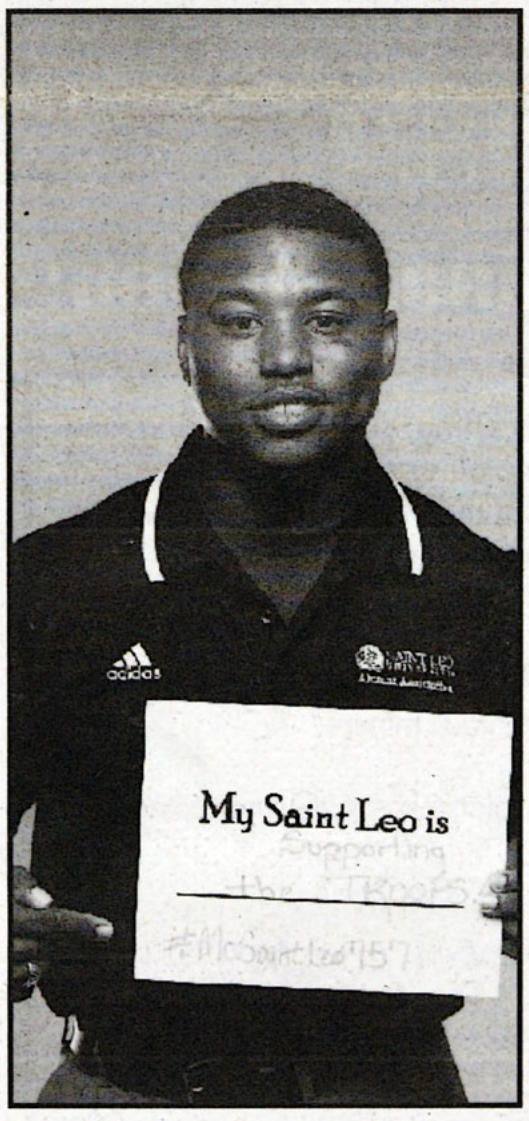
"A Day for Saint Leo" is a way for all enrolled students from the more than 40 education centers and offices, and the Center for Online learning, and students from 49 states, the District of Columbia, three U.S. territories, and 86 countries to connect with each other. The object is to share their story telling the world what it means to them to be a part of the Saint Leo community.

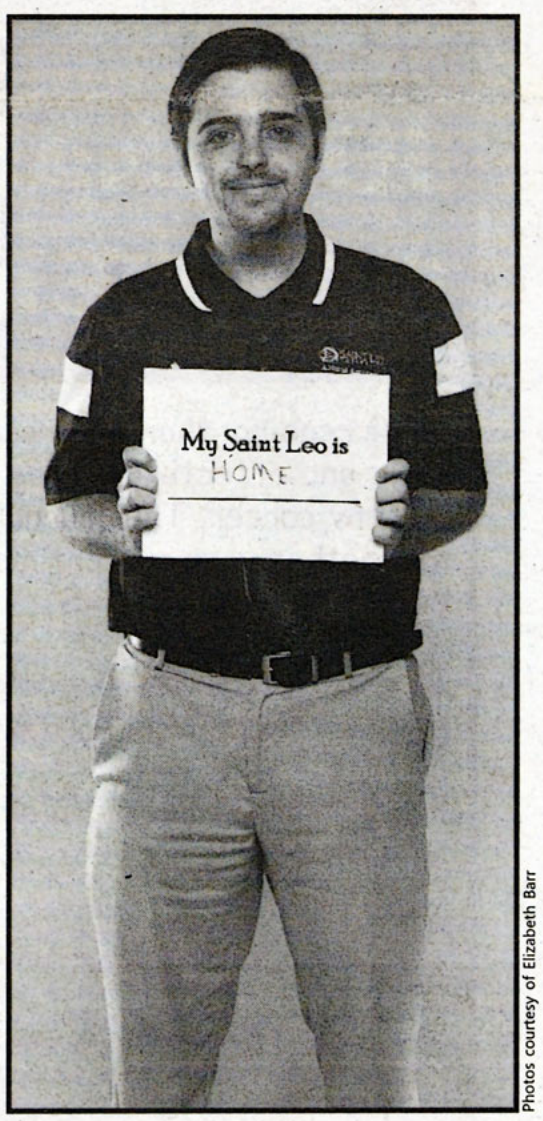
"Tell the world what it means to you to be part of the Saint Leo community. Post a note on social media using the hashtag at #mysaintleo," Barr said.

The idea behind telling your story is for that the whole Saint Leo community has different experiences while their stay at Saint Leo and the University wants to celebrate and share it. "All of those experiences make up who we are as a university," Barr said.

In addition, donation can be made of any amount, which will help set a record for the number of gifts received in a single day! Visit advance.*saintleo.edu/dayforslu*







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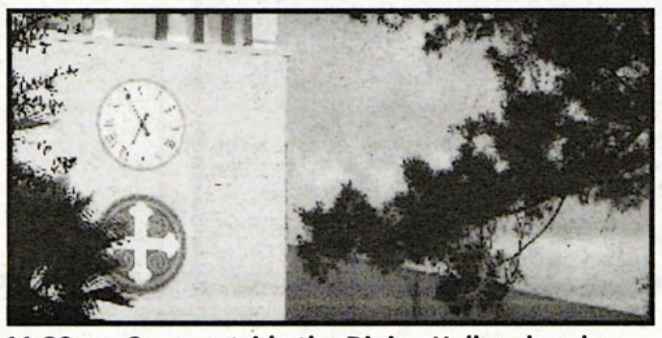
The schedule and location for the selfie stations are listed below:

8:30am- 10am: In front of Lewis Hall and the Foyer of the School of Business



11:30am- 2pm: outside the Dining Hall and under the Clock Tower

3pm- 5pm: Apartment 5 and Apartment 6 courtyard

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Founders Week Events Schedule
Nov. 10-14

Monday, Nov. 10

Feast of Saint Leo Mass
10 a.m.
Abbey Church

Native American Singers and Dancers
5-6 p.m.
SCC Lakeside Patio

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day Program
11 a.m.
Greenfelder-Denlinger Boardrooms

Community Service Day
Metropolitan Ministries, Tampa

Wednesday, Nov. 12

"So Happy Together After 125 Years" Choral Concert and 125th Anniversary Poetry Contest Reading
7 p.m.
Greenfelder-Denlinger Boardrooms

Thursday, Nov. 13

Discussion: "Florida's First Catholic College- From a Dream to a University of International Consequence"
11:30 a.m.
Greenfelder-Denlinger Boardrooms

Friday, Nov. 14

Student Celebration
5-8 p.m.
Lakefront

Saint Leo College Prep and Holy Name Weekend Reunion

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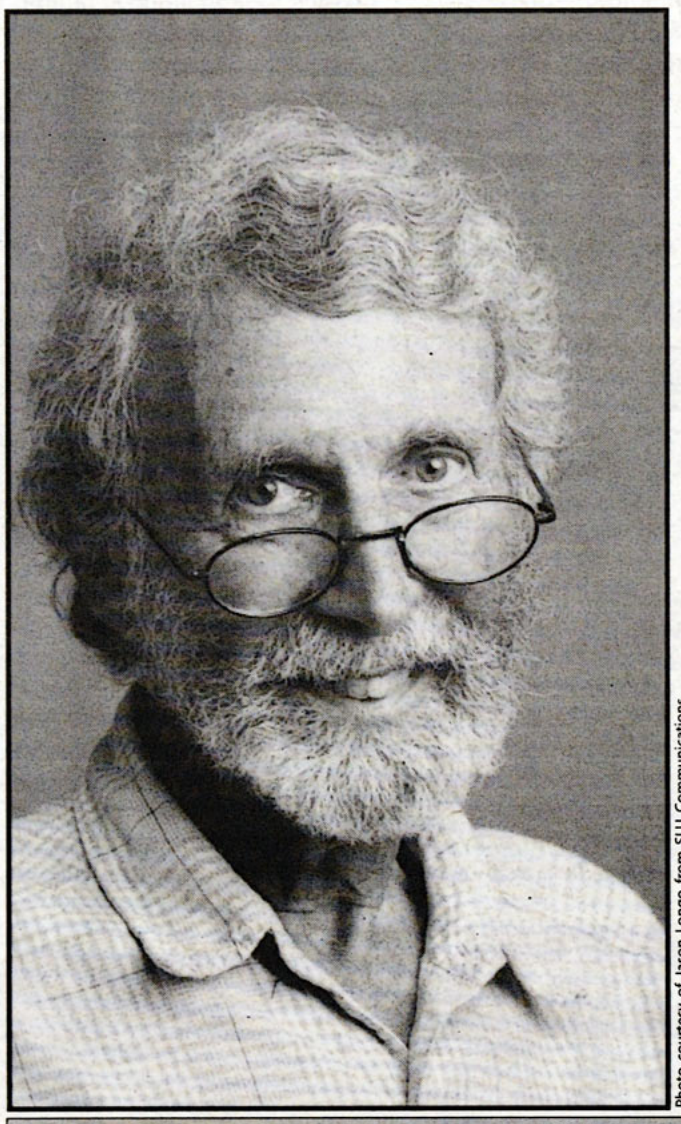
Highlighting Doctor Jack McTague



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By Racheljoy Captiola
Editor-in-Chief

How many people have spent ten days on vacation in the Peruvian Jungle at a place three hours away from the closest town with no communication or electricity? Dr. John McTague has been determined to travel to a different country every summer for the last 15 years. He has already visited the Galapagos Islands, Russia, Belgium, Holland, India, Israel, China, and London. As it stands, he has explored approximately 31-12 countries so far, and he plans to continue broadening his knowledge on culture.

"You can learn more in a week traveling overseas than spending a semester studying a country."

McTague started working for the University in 1976 and has been a Professor of History for 39 years. Before coming to the University, he studied British History in college and spent three months in London working on his dissertation—a book about the British in Palestine. Later on, he became interested in the Middle East and focused on studying Middle Eastern History. He was an academic advisor before taking his current job. History is his life, and he enjoys sharing it with others.

"From the time I went to grade school, I enjoyed reading about history more than anything else."

When he was finishing up his PhD, he learned about the University through an ad he saw in a paper. He was interviewed by Dr. James Horgan, who was the Chair of History Department at that time, and was hired for a teaching position. He loves being a teacher and has never had any inclination to change or "move up" in his job.

Although the University has changed a lot throughout his teaching career, doubling in students and buildings present on campus, he considers the place his home. The environment is still as personal as when he started out.

"It [Saint Leo] kind of has a warm, fuzzy feeling about it. You know everybody. You don't feel like you are just one in a million people here."

One of the ways McTague has promoted a sense of community is by creating a campus band known as TimeWarp which has been going on for 30 years. He started the band in 1984 and watched many groups of students come and go. There are currently three seniors in the current band.

"I'm the only original members who's still playing. We played for a lot of student events down over the years."

Time Warp used to play at the Establishment, which was a student bar that used to be where the Local is today in San Antonio, every Friday night for several years. Then the band played for the Tavern when it used to be a popular student hangout. Currently, the band can be seen during Alumni Weekend and Senior Week.

"A lot of my good memories have to do with the band."

Aside from music, McTague can also be found riding his bike around the community to keep in shape.

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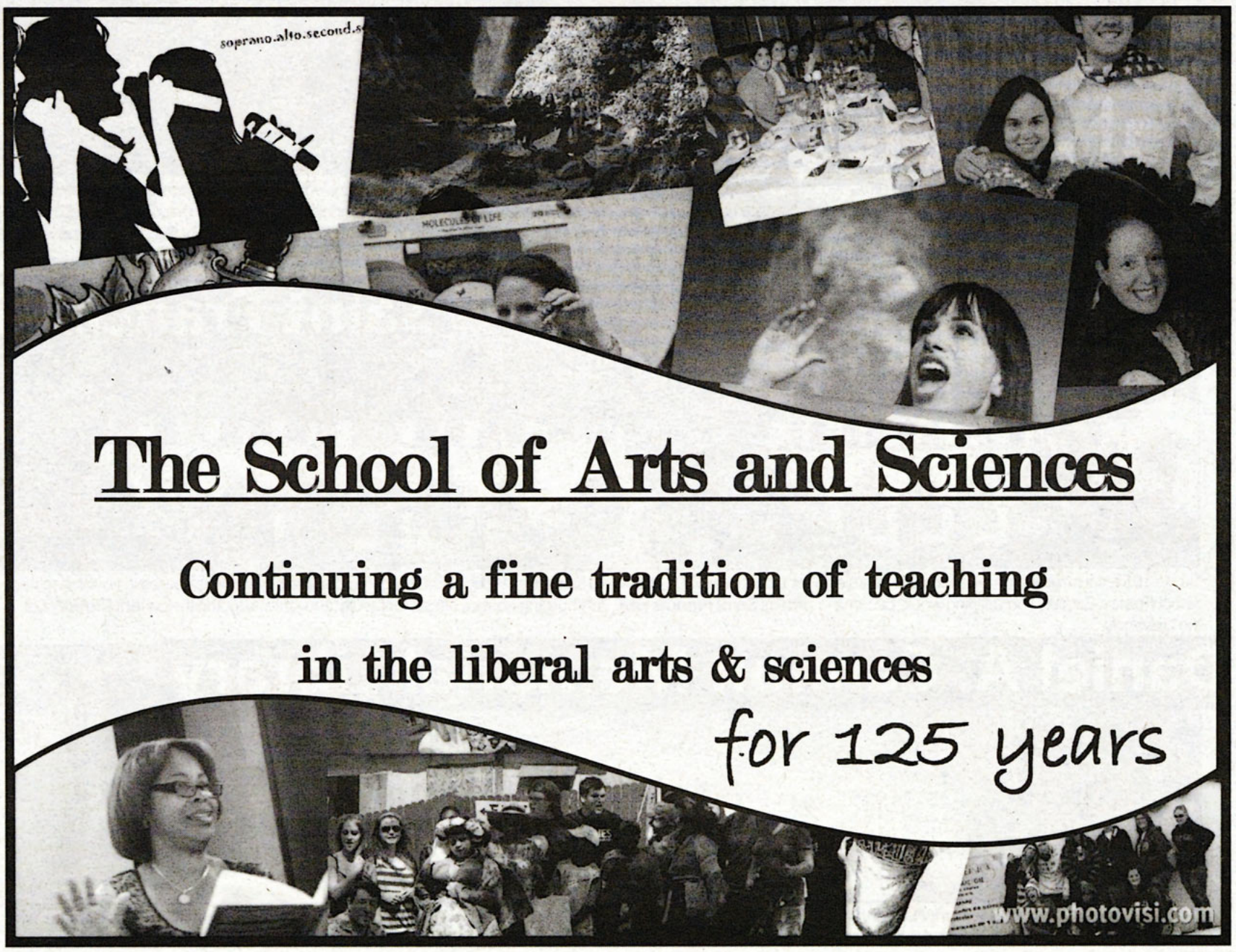
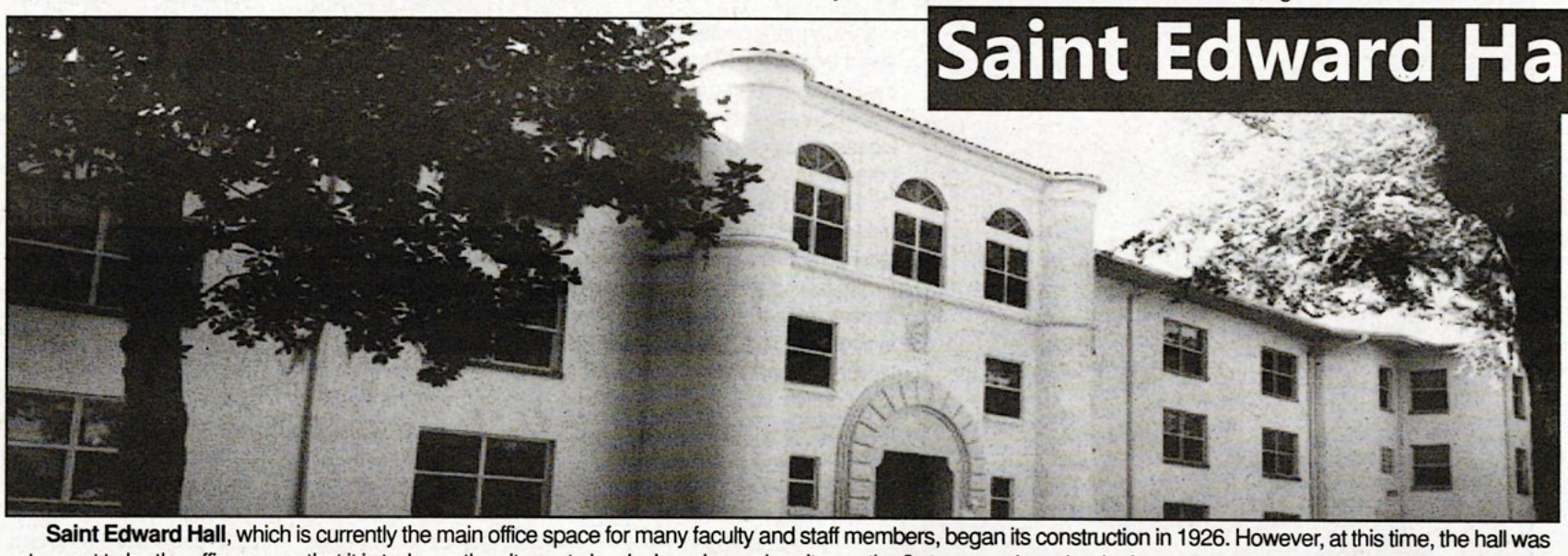


Building A Dedicate

By Nicholas Santos
Copy Editor

The first time you ever set foot on the University's main campus, you were probably awestruck by the overall beauty of it; behind all of this, however, the history of the campus remained a mystery to you, the answers lying in wait in the buildings that populate the campus. What did all of these buildings represent? Where did they come from? This article takes a look at several buildings currently and previously on campus and explores some of their origins and histories.

Saint Edward Hall



Saint Edward Hall, which is currently the main office space for many faculty and staff members, began its construction in 1926. However, at this time, the hall was not meant to be the office space that it is today; rather, it was to be designed as a dormitory – the first ever at the school – for students. It was completed by the Christmas of that year and cost around $250,000 to complete. Each of the offices used to be living spaces for students, and many offices were once used for other purposes; for example, one office may have been used as a shower, and another as a reception room. A library was also once stationed at what is now known as Trane Stop. In 1940, loudspeakers were placed above the building and were used to broadcast the new campus radio station WLEO.The first time you ever set foot on the University's main campus, you were probably awestruck by the overall beauty of it; behind all of this, however, the history of the campus remained a mystery to you, the answers lying in wait in the buildings that populate the campus. What did all of these buildings represent? Where did they come from? This article takes a look at several buildings currently and previously on campus and explores some of their origins and histories.

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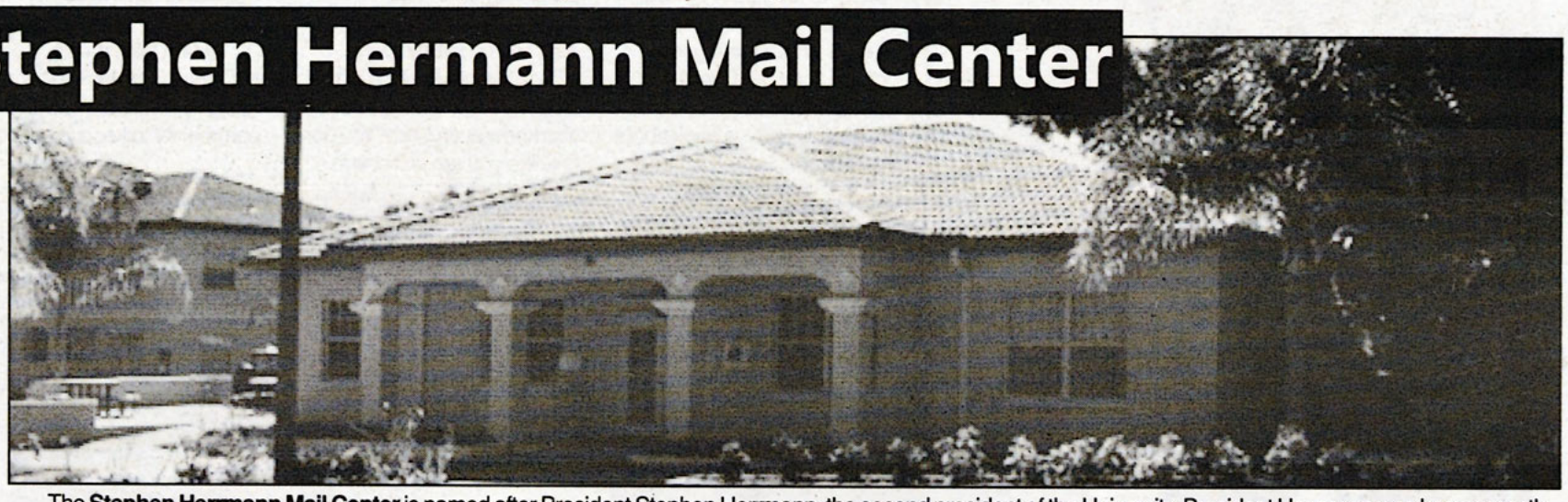
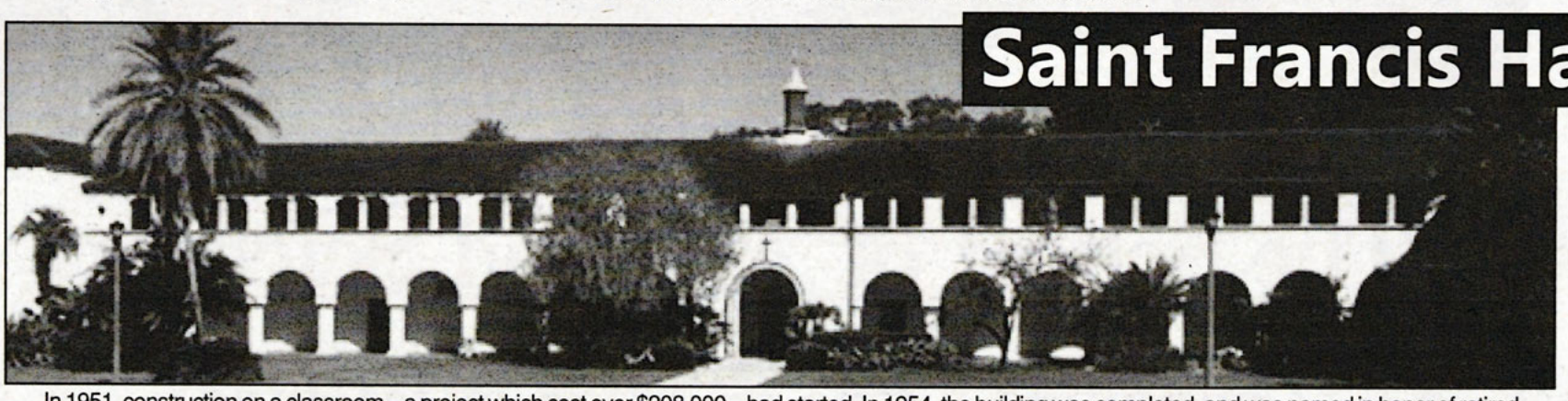


The **Stephen Herrmann Mail Center** is named after President Stephen Herrmann, the second president of the University. President Herrmann was known mostly for his desire to support his community. Our Community Service Days are in honor of him. Currently, the mail center sends out over 250,000 pieces of mail and receives over 100,000 pieces of mail each year. It was originally called "The University Mailroom." For more information on the upbringing of Community Service Day and two other interesting pieces of the University's history, be sure to look out for the upcoming article "The Origins of Three SLU Features."

Saint Francis Hall



In 1951, construction on a classroom – a project which cost over $208,000 – had started. In 1954, the building was completed, and was named in honor of retired Abbot Francis Sadlier. This building would become known as **Saint Francis Hall**. This building houses offices for faculty and staff, including the current President of the University.

Daniel A. Cannon Memorial Library

The **Daniel A. Cannon Memorial Library** had begun its development in 1986. The project was possible primarily because of Dr. Elizabeth Tousey Cannon, who helped substantially to fund the project in honor of her late husband, Daniel A. Cannon. The building itself cost over $1.9 million to complete.

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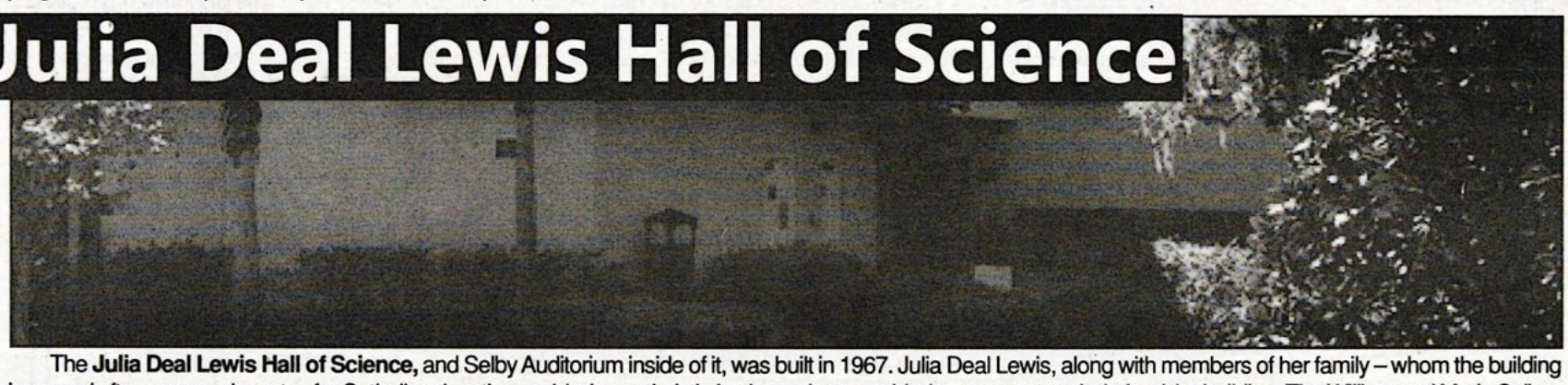
Marion-Bowman Activities Center

The **Marion-Bowman Activities Center**, which was named in honor of Father Marion Bowman, OSB, was completed and opened in 1970. Father Bowman, who became the varsity coach and athletic director in 1932, was instrumental in the athletic success of Saint Leo's sports teams during the 1930s and 1940s. The building itself was notable for having working air conditioning.

Crawford Hall

Father Vincent Crawford, in 1961, contributed to the community beyond his years as a member of the school's faculty by giving the campus a gift: the funding of a new building that would eventually become **Crawford Hall**. The building itself was not named after Father Crawford, but was named after his grandfather, Senator George White Crawford, a four-term senator and Civil War veteran. Renovated in 2000, the building had been used as an academic space until its destruction earlier this year. Soon to be in its place is the currently unnamed "Academic Building." This new building is planned to be completed by the fall semester of next year; however, the quick progress in its development may cause it to be completed much earlier.

Julia Deal Lewis Hall of Science

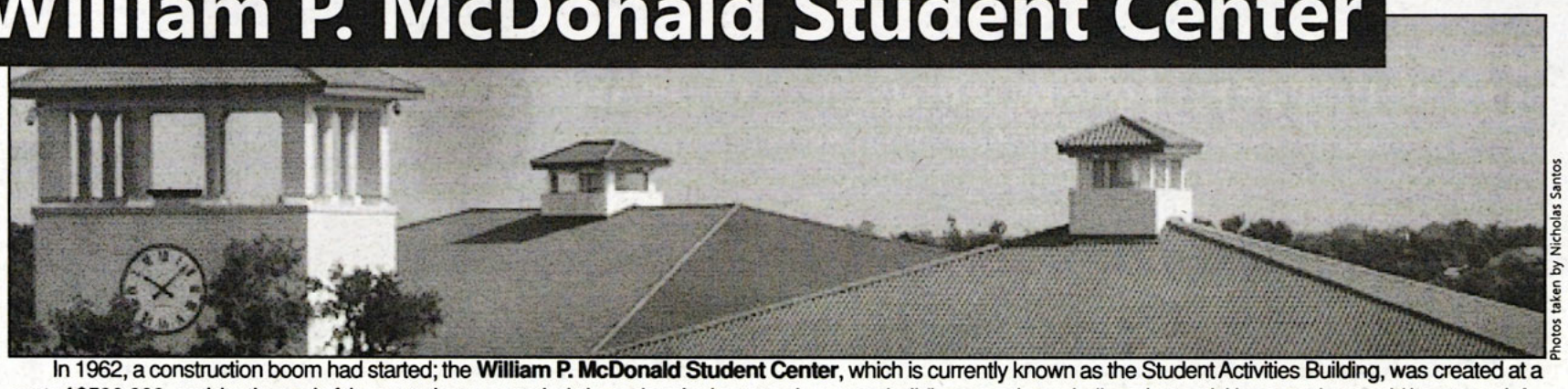


The **Julia Deal Lewis Hall of Science,** and Selby Auditorium inside of it, was built in 1967. Julia Deal Lewis, along with members of her family – whom the building is named after – were advocates for Catholic education and, being optimistic for the project, provided many grants to help fund the building. The William and Marie Selby Foundation of Sarasota also contributed to the project, leading to naming of Selby Auditorium.

The Dome

The Dome, which used to be used as an art studio and classroom space, was created in 1971, and was one of the most inexpensive projects the University ever completed, costing around $7,500 to build. Before its completion, The Dome's development was put on hiatus for almost 15 years due to the amount of financial troubles the University was facing at the time. The Dome was taken down in 2006 and was located near the Thomas B. Southard Baseball Stadium.

William P. McDonald Student Center



In 1962, a construction boom had started; the **William P. McDonald Student Center**, which is currently known as the Student Activities Building, was created at a cost of $500,000, and, by the end of the next nine year period, three dormitories, two classroom buildings, a science hall, and an activities complex would be created. A cafeteria was also created.

Photos taken by Nicholas Santos

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Highlighting Karen Hatfield

By Kenna Dieffenwierth
Copy Editor

In 1978, Hatfield was employed as a clerk in the Campus Bookstore. Her starting pay was $2.65 per hour. This was also the year of the first test-tube baby, the prototype of Sony's first Walkman, and the first online forum.

Karen Hatfield has worked at the University for 36 years as of June 1. She currently works in the Registrar office, but has held different jobs and positions at the University over the years and has always been very involved on campus.

Hatfield came to Florida with her husband from Maryland, and began seeking a fulltime job. She found the University through Florida Job Service and a friend who was a current employee.

Hatfield worked in the Campus Bookstore until 1980, when she became an Accounts Payable Clerk.

In 1982, she was promoted to Purchasing Agent/Accounts Payable Manager. Hatfield's department was the fist to have a fax machine on campus. Not including the computer center, Hatfield had the first personal computers on campus.

She organized the Saint Leo College Auction and Flea market for two consecutive years.

"Everyone was involved from the Sisters in the Priory to the Brothers in the Abbey and students doing valet parking and car washes. We raised money for the library that was going through renovation," said Hatfield.

The themed Employee Recognition Dinner Dances were a source of fond memories for her.

"We transformed the old McDonald Center. It was a lot of fun. I remember me and my husband won the twist dance contest during the Fifties Hop."

Hatfield also enjoyed the Spring festivals on campus.

"I loved our Spring festivals with a different theme each year, such as the Irish Festival where I came dressed as a Leprechaun and the Old South Festival where I came dressed as a Southern Belle, held on the lawn between St. Edward Hall and St. Francis Hall."

She also oversaw the upgrading of the campus telephone system along with the instillation of new phone lines.

"I was in some dark, scary places with the engineers determining how to lay the lines such as under the church."

She was very involved with the National Association of Education Buyers and hosted a conference on campus as the regional president.

In 1986, she joined the Strategic Planning Committee and continues to serve on it to this day.

She was the first employee offered tuition remission for the MBA program. In 1996, she was asked to take over University Registrar once she completed her MBA.

When the Center for Online Learning in Tampa was being established, Hatfield helped get it up and running. Every term, she teaches Principles of Management online.

When the University purchased a Document Imaging System, the Registrar Office converted hundreds of thousands of documents to digital images. This process allowed for the elimination of over 70 file cabinets.

She has had to build systems and processes as the University and its records have changed. The Registrar Office under Hatfield has implemented programs that provide many online services through eLion that allow for things like online registration, faculty grade input, grade changes, transcript orders, transfer evaluation reports and access for advisors to their Advisees' records.

Photo courtesy of Jason Longo from SLU Communications

Hatfield is a point of contact for external military partners. She also led the KRA with implementing the new GI bill.

Currently, she sits on multiple Senate committees and also has served as chair of several groups. She was a member of the first group to complete Leadership Saint Leo.

The University has changed quite a bit since she first started working here in 1978. She has been through four SACS reaccreditations and has worked about 30 Commencements. The last 17 years, she served as Commencement Committee chair.

"The University has grown so much in so many ways from the number of students, to where and how we serve those students, our technology and of course our campus has transformed."

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A Day for Saint Leo

11/10/14 *Show your green and gold pride!*

1 TAKE PHOTOS

Selfie stations located throughout campus:

8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
In front of Lewis Hall and in the foyer of the School of Business building

11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Outside the Dining Hall and under the clock tower of the Student Activities Building

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
In the courtyard between Apartments 5 and 6

2 BE ENTERED TO WIN A PRIZE!

Win a Saint Leo Spirit pack! The first 100 people to share a picture or story will be entered in a drawing for a Saint Leo Spirit pack.

3 SHARE A PHOTO

Post your photos and messages on social media using #mysaintleo, or email your photos to alumni.relations@saintleo.edu.

Special Challenge

Can you get a selfie with President Kirk?
Be on the lookout for Dr. Kirk and ask to get a selfie with him.

Greek Challenge

Dig out your pennies and spare change! Help your favorite fraternity or sorority win the Day for Saint Leo penny war.

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The Grotto: Still Influencing Us Today

By Jessica Miller
Layout Editor

The Garden of Gethsemane and Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto across State Road 52 takes people into a different atmosphere. The tunnel of trees that light cannot pierce lead the way to what people at the University nickname "The Grotto." For many years, The Grotto has been used as a place for peace and spiritual refreshment. However, many students of the University go for a different experience: for a night to be scared by the unknown. But it is not just the unknown of the darkness and dense foliage that students are unfamiliar and uninformed with; students, along with many other people who visit The Grotto or affiliated with the University, do not know the true meanings behind the statues and designs, or even why Therotto exists. Brother Stannis Law, Prior of the Saint Leo Abbey, aids in bringing more of an appreciation for The Grotto by sharing his research and insight about its history.

Father Charles Mohr, who was a past president of the University, in the early 1900s, was looking to expand and wanted to buy the land which The Grotto now stands upon. Yet, the original owner was resistant to the idea of selling his land. Thus, Father Mohr prayed to the Holy Mother that if the land owner would sell the land to the church, Mohr would build a Grotto in dedication to the Holy Mother; and nine days later, the owner changed his mind. Law remarked on the Holy Mother's ability to change people's minds.

"The Holy Mother is like a mother that nudges you until you change your mind."

It only seemed appropriate that The Grotto would be built on the very land that was sold to them. The Grotto was built by a traveling homeless person, affectionately named Handsome Harold/Harry. When the railroads tracks were still active and ran behind Lake Jovita, traveling homeless people would regularly stopped at the University to find work in exchange for food and temporary shelter. Handsome Harold/Harry was a regular visitor of the University, and was recruited by Mohr to build the Grotto since Mohr was familiar with him. The statues were most likely purchased from a goods house, and the Chapel was built out of native corral rock. Mass would be celebrated at The Grotto's Chapel on Dec. 8 to celebrate the immaculate conception of Our Lady of Lourdes. Eventually, Abbot Francis had Mohr buried in the Chapel. This would be strange to many people, but for others, it is truly a wonderful thing to see Mohr become a part of a place he loved.

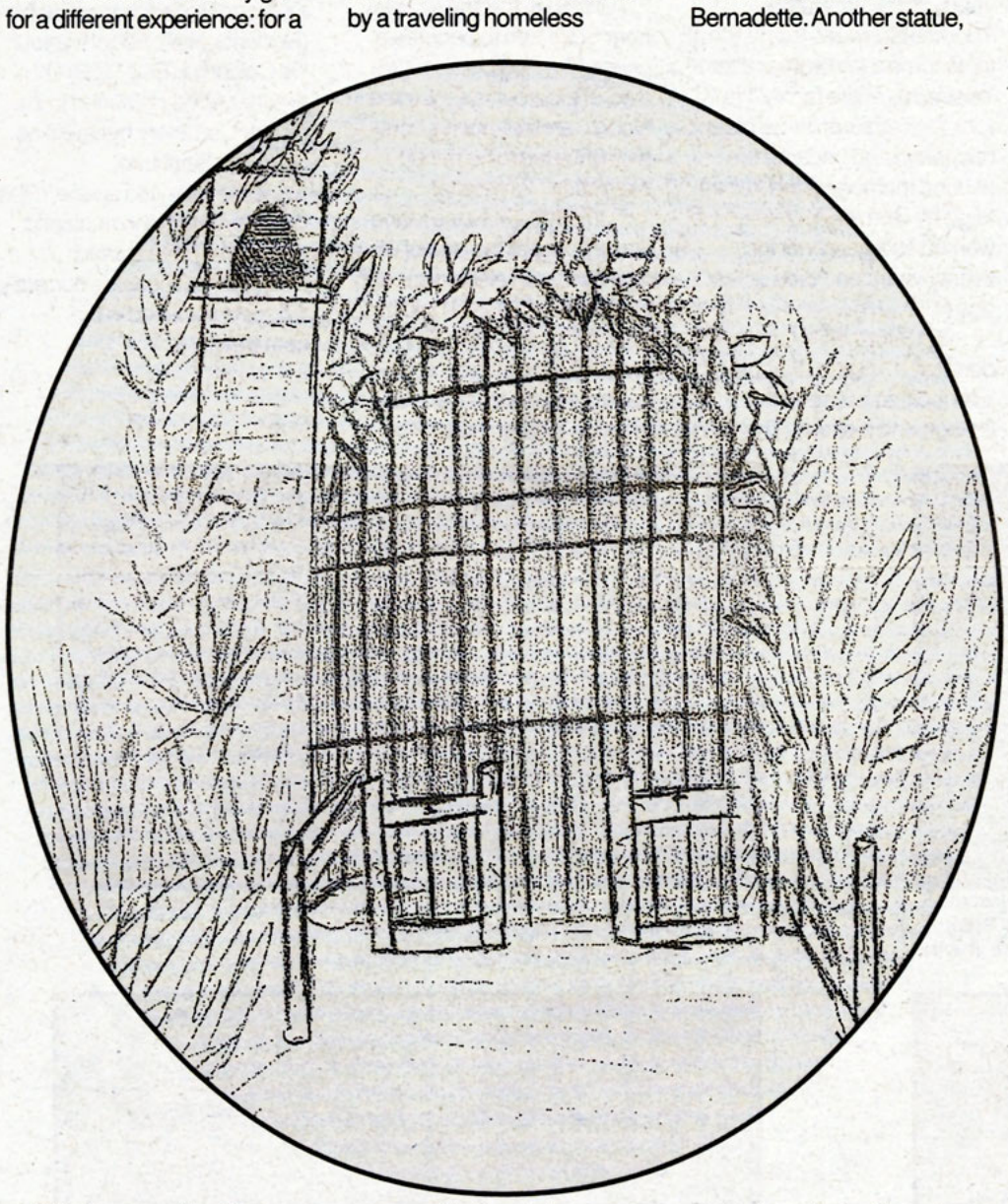
"It is a real honor," said Law.

The Garden of Gethsemane was built around 1934 by the class of the late Gregory Traeger OSB. It was built in honor of what happened at Gethsemane. There is even a statue of Jesus, which is an interpretation of Jesus kneeling and prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. There is a statue below Jesus of Saint Bernadette. Another statue, which is on the walkway to The Grotto, is of Jesus, which features a plaque underneath him that is dedicated to the University affiliated people who lost their lives while serving in WWII.

The Grotto has been influencing and providing a place of peace and spiritual renewal for years. Yet, the people who visit The Grotto will not be seeing too many changes to it.

"We wouldn't change The Grotto, because we wouldn't want to change its beauty and charm," said Law.

The Grotto is taken care of today by the Abbey and the group of Benedictines called the AB-links, which is the third order.



Left: The chapel in the Our Lady of Lourdes grotto is made out of native coral. Top: The Our Lady of Lourdes statue has been gretting visitors since the Grotto was built. Bottom: The plaque beneath this statue of Jesus commemorates those affiliated with the University who died in World War II.

Photo Courtesy of Racheljoy Capitola

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The History of The Abbey Cemetery

By Kenna Dieffenwierth
Copy Editor

Walking down the path to the lake or to Apartments 1-4, one might noticed a short wall enclosing a tiny cemetery. Entering the cemetery, there are four raised headstones lined up behind one another. These headstones mark the resting place of the second (Francis Sadlier), third (Marion Bowman), fourth (Fidelis Dunlap), and fifth (Patrick Shelton) Abbots of the Saint Leo University Abbey. The first Abbot, Charles Mohr, was put to rest in the Grotto. Behind the Abbots' headstones is a crucifix in front of and a small barrier wall. The right side of cemetery is the resting place of monks. The left side is shared with the Nuns and notable people related to the Abbey.

Behind the short barrier is the lone headstone of William B. Stevens (1928-2006), which is set off from the rest of the graves. According to Sr. Dorothy, the cemetery does not hold every nun and monk from Saint Leo, only the ones that died in the area or were returned to the area for burial.

In 1889, Br. Ambrose Andelfinger died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty. His entire family had died of tuberculosis and he hoped his health would improve at the Saint Leo Abbey. During this time, Benedictine monks were often sent to Saint Leo to recover their health, according to "Pioneer College." His grave is the oldest in the Abbey Cemetery.

The first Nun of the Holy Name Convent to pass away was Sr. Agnes Behe; she died in 1894 at the age of 41. She was one of the five foundresses of Holy Name and one of the first teachers at its academy, according to "Pioneer College."

In 1891, Frater Conrad Metzner (20) was the first student death. Metzner was an orphan supported by his uncle. He had been born in Saxony, Germany. He was accidentally shot in the temple by fellow student, Anthony Gonzales, with a .22 caliber rifle as they were returning to the college from a picnic. The rifle had been brought for target practice. Two other students helped him walk back to campus. He was pronounced dead the next morning, according to "Pioneer College."

About seven years later in 1898, the first priesthood candidate from the college, Frater Dominic Schwarz, died of tuberculosis at the age of 25. His mother died later that year and his brothers died of tuberculosis over the next five years. Schwarz's father, Thomas Schwarz, left his farm to become a lay brother after loosing his entire family. He took the religious name his son had taken and became the second member of the Abbey to go by Dominic Schwarz. He worked as a gardener for twenty years and died at the age of 77.

In 1896, the Dr. Corrigan donated a 1/3 acre triangle of land located between the college and the lake. This land became the site of the new cemetery in 1901. The six graves of the original cemetery were relocated between 1901 and 1902. Cedar trees were planted around the cemetery in 1905.

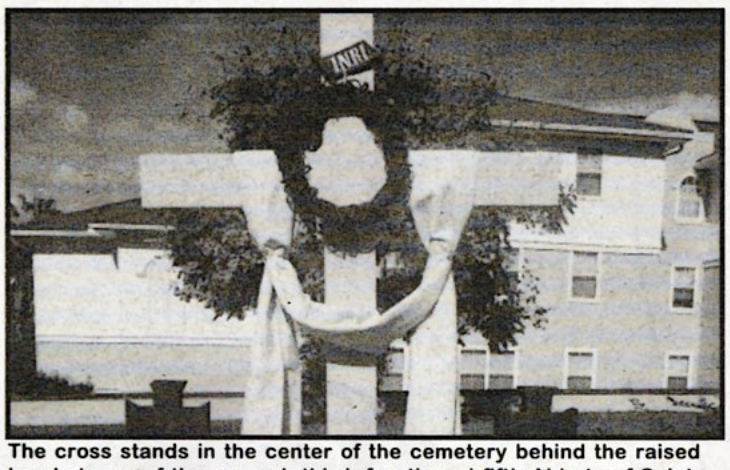
In 1910, the monks invited the nuns of the Holy Name Convent to use their burial ground. According to Sr. Dorothy, this arrangement was made after the nuns moved from their original home in San Antonio to Saint Leo. All nuns who had passed prior to this arrangement were moved to the Abbey Cemetery.

In 1918, the first student from Saint Leo to become a priest, Aloysios Delabar (38), died of tuberculosis. He died in North Carolina, but his body was returned to be buried in the Abbey Cemetery.

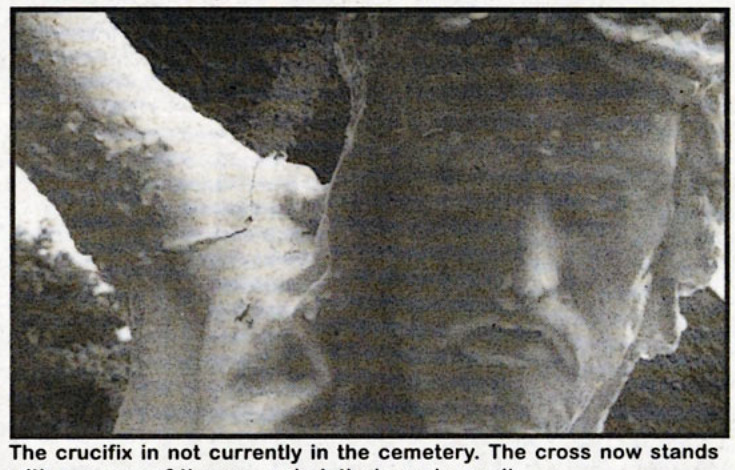
In 1940, Sr. Rose Marie Easley died at the age of 66. She had been elected superior at the age of 24 and held this position for 37 years. She is credited with stabilizing the community and working to improve local schools. She also opened Saint Benedict's Prep School and established missions in Louisiana and Texas, according to "Pioneer College."

The lay people in the cemetery are people who contributed to the Abbey and/or to the college in a significant way. Some of the graves are for workers who worked for the Abbey year-round and became close with the community. Some of the buildings on campus are named after people buried in this cemetery like the Crawfords (The recently demolished Crawford Hall) and Fr. Msgr. Roderick MacEachen (Roderick Hall). Abbot Mayeul De Caigney (1862-1939) from another Abbey is buried in the Abbey Cemetery because he retired to Saint Leo.

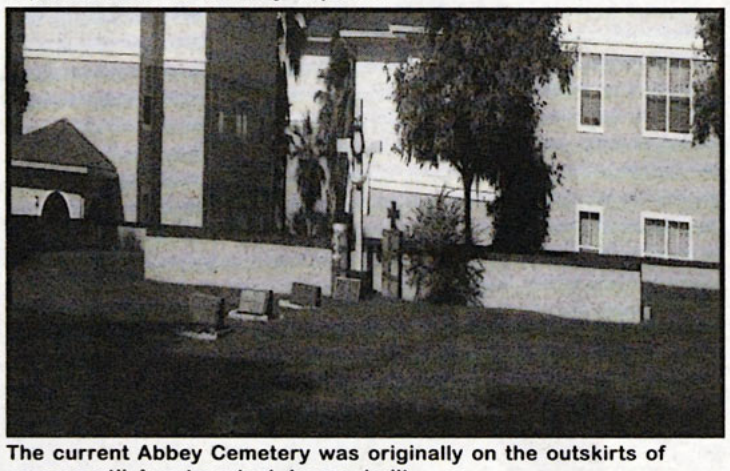
Due to limited space in the cemetery, both the nuns and the monks have started cremations. There are currently 179 people buried in the cemetery.



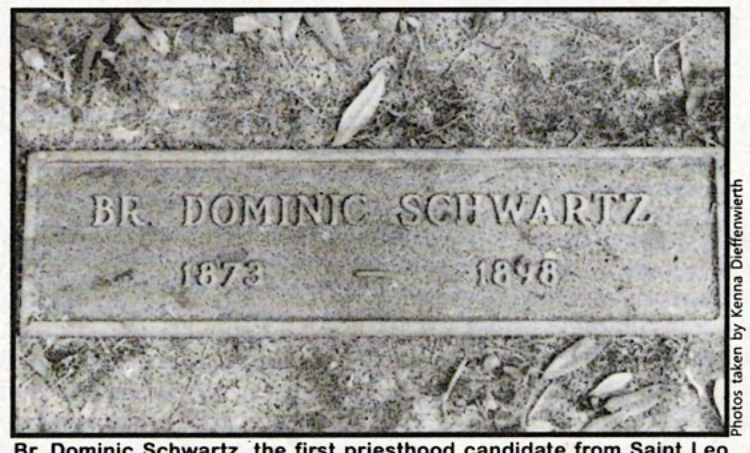
The cross stands in the center of the cemetery behind the raised head stones of the second, third, fourth and fifth Abbots of Saint Leo Abbey. The first Abbot was buried in the Grotto because it was a place where he felt truly at peace.



The crucifix in not currently in the cemetery. The cross now stands with a crown of thorns and cloth draped over it.



The current Abbey Cemetery was originally on the outskirts of campus util Apartments 1-4 were built.



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Br. Dominic Schwartz, the first priesthood candidate from Saint Leo Abbey, was from a farming family in San Antonio. During the 1890s, the Abbey also lost Br. Meinrad Buchling (22), Br. Edward Theisen (26), and Frater Lawrence Wiegand (23).

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